

Comprehensive Plan Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: [7/25/2023]

Time: [6:03pm]

Attendees: [Yvette, Jason, Buddy, Joanne, Peggy, Jan, Laura, Dave, Fred (non-member)]

Notetaker: [David Asmussen]

Approval of Minutes: [Minutes from 7/11 approved unanimously]

Additional Agenda Items: [none]

Agenda Item 1: [Noting that Yvette is making recommended revisions to sections, and a finalized .pdf placed back in sharepoint that will become our final recommendation. Further edits may be possible if there is something big that comes up which was missing or incorrect]

Agenda Item 2: [Review of what housing committee is up to. Grace McCarthy stepped down from co-chair, presentation from Harald at GrowSmart Maine available on Sharepoint was very good. Hope to modify the subdivision ordinance to update it to better align with the Comp Plan. Tracy K gave presentation on new ADU ordinance. Interest to develop and agricultural overlay map. Want to engage people at Celebrate Bowdoinham. Hope to move GrowSmart presentations to shared drive with CPC.]

Agenda Item 3: [Forest Resources section -

Need to Update forest coverage percentage. Change opening line to be non-specific about age of our forests. New version includes items that should help the town get grants. Avoiding recommendation for creating new committee, but keeping recommendation to develop a forest management plan.

Accepted new forest resources section with amendments

Agenda Item 4: [Sea Level Rise and Climate Change Section.

Rearranged recommendations to highlight climate action plan. Modified shoreline to shoreland to be more inclusive, not to be confused with only "shoreland zone."

Accepted new climate change section with amendments.

Agenda Item 5: [Natural Resources section-

Need to update percentage of conserved land in Bowdonham.

Note: be prepared at Celebrate and public forums for definitions for specific terms like carbon sequestration, tree city, etc.

Added goal #5 to include merrymeeting bay.

Merged some recommendations.

Connected land use ordinance with conservation commission.

Minor edits for clarity and fewer words.

Action Items: [Think about Celebrate Bowdoinham, Forums]

Future Agenda Items: [Craig coming to Next meeting on Aug 8th. 6:00 Tuesday. Talk about celebrate Bowdoinham and Forums]

Meeting adjourned: [7:53pm]

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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